

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 remain pending in this application for which applicant seeks reconsideration.

The preamble of claim 14 has been amended to overcome the § 101 rejection. The preamble of claim 14 now recites a computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1-11, 13, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Wilkes (USPGP 2003/0058818) in view of Lin (USPGP 2004/0177377). Claim 12 was rejected under § 103(a) as unpatentable over Wilkes in view of Lin and "well known prior art." Applicant submits a verified English translation of the priority application to perfect priority and remove Lin as a prior art reference.

The priority application was filed on 09 December 2002. Lin has a § 102(e) date of 13 May 2003. As the priority application predates Lin, applicant submits that Lin is not a viable prior art reference. Since Wilkes alone or in combination with "well know prior art" would not have taught the subject matter of independent claims 1 and 14, the art rejections have been rendered moot.

Applicant submits that claims 1-14 patentably distinguish over the applied references and are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicant urges the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

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